

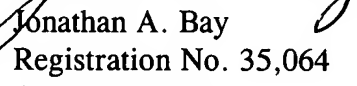
REMARKS

This amendment is made to place the above-identified application in better form for examination in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter is added. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination and before calculating filing fees

Among other things, applicant proposes to amend the specification (and correspondingly correct the drawings) in order to achieve insertion of reference numerals only. No new matter is added. The examiner is afforded the opportunity to make an independent judgment by inspection of the alternative accompanying substitute specification, provided in amendment format (ie., insertions underlined, deletions stricken). The amendments to the specification are appropriate under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the Federal Circuit cases interpreting it. Consideration and acceptance of the substitute specification and corrected drawings are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2-3-2004


Jonathan A. Bay
Registration No. 35,064
Attorney at Law
333 Park Central East, Suite 314
Springfield, MO 65806
(417) 873-9100

Docket No. 560-2